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Bill Purvis, a member of Ethel Church, serves McDonald's hamburgers which were donated to the unit. He worked as driver of the disaster relief rig. (See story on page 7.)



This little boy is typical of Hugo's victims — helpless and unable to fight back.

Mississippians help, in Hugo's wake

(Photos by Tim Nicholas)



Jim Didlake, standing with notepad, holds a crew meeting late at night discussing problems and plans for the next day's feeding. Didlake is on site coordinator, responsible for all activities of the unit. He is employed as a consultant in the Mississippi Brotherhood Department.



This is the pig from a Piggly Wiggly grocery store sign that blew into this Charleston neighborhood from a half mile away.



Here is a typical scene of a Charleston business district with rubble piled around a store that was attempting to remain in business. "Open until curfew" the sign says. A 7 p.m. curfew was in force to prevent looting.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

In the name of freedom

A great deal has been printed, pictured, and said recently about World War II because of the recent 44th anniversary of the use of an atomic bomb to end that war in 1945.

Though I did not realize all of the ramifications that were to come out of that event, as a 21-year-old "veteran" soldier at that time, I do remember a great sense of relief that the war was over, because I had had about all of it that I cared to experience.

I had not waded ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in Europe nor stormed the heights of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, but I was a sitting duck in a house in Selestat, France, when six German tanks came in about 2 a.m. to blow apart the six houses my outfit was occupying that December morning.

I received a prisoner of war medal and a purple heart because of the events of that night, and those events effectively ended the war for me and ushered in the most dangerous and difficult six months of my existence.

It was all done in the name of freedom.

Through an amazing set of circumstances that can only be classified as providential, I found my way into Southern Baptist journalism and became the associate editor of two Baptist state papers and the editor of two of them. I left Baylor

University in 1948 to go into secular journalism at Midland, Texas, and joined the staff of the *Baptist Standard* in Texas in 1952. That was 37 years ago. I have been around a long time.

One of the pillars on which the freedom rests for which every soldier fought is freedom of the press. That is one of the cornerstones for the freedom of our nation. Every democracy must have a free press in order to remain free.

Southern Baptists are a democratic people. We must try to function under the leadership of God, but we make the necessary decisions on a democratic basis.

Southern Baptists are a big, cumbersome, loosely connected missions operation. We must have a free press, but there are forces at work now that want to manipulate the flow of Southern Baptist news. The chief target is Baptist Press, the denomination's news gathering and disseminating agency that is headquartered in Nashville with bureaus in five cities and cooperative input from 37 state papers.

Baptist Press began 43 years ago with one office at the insistence of the state paper editors and to serve the purposes of the state papers. The Sunday School Board heard the plea and offered to fund the operation, but soon it was felt that it should not be placed in an agency. The chances of manip-

ulation were too great.

Baptist Press was moved to the SBC Executive Committee so as to be funded by all Southern Baptists and has done a magnificent job for all of these years.

It continues to do a great job but is doing so under increasing pressure from some members of its protector, the Executive Committee.

On the morning of Sept. 18 in Nashville, the day of the opening of the SBC Executive Committee session, the committee of which I am chairman, the Baptist Press Liaison Committee, spent a couple of hours with members of the Executive Committee's Public Relations Workgroup in an effort to explain the basis for the founding of Baptist Press and its operating principles. Our message was that actions that had recently brought Baptist Press under fire from some members of the Executive Committee had been made because Baptist Press was working with factual information and had been made in order to facilitate the work of the state papers and the secular reporters covering the Las Vegas Southern Baptist Convention in making available material that those reporters would have obtained anyway in some other way. Baptist Press was doing its job.

Later, however, members of the Public Relations Workgroup, during their meeting, subjected the Baptist Press director, Al Shackleford, to intense questioning regarding that material.

There are some members of the Executive Committee who want Baptist Press to function as a public relations operation for the Executive Committee. That must not be the case. All Southern Baptists have a stake in this issue. If Southern Baptists are to function in freedom, if we are to remain as Baptists, we must have a free press. It must not be made subject to manipulation by members of its funding agency regardless of the fact that they control the purse strings. All Southern Baptists are paying the bills.

And any discussion of freedom at this time must take note of the recent Sunday School Board censure of its president, Lloyd Elder, and be aware that the board of Southwestern Seminary is planning the same tactic during its October meeting for its president, Russell Dilday. In none of the cases mentioned is the issue theology. In each case it is politics.

Southwestern trustee chairman Kenneth E. Lilly of Arkansas has sent each of the trustees an 86-page document detailing statements of Dilday dating back to 1983 and including his annual sermon at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in 1984. That's six years of surreptitious compilings.

Each of the men mentioned above is doing an outstanding job in his position.

Freedom is a precious thing, and there are many who have paid dearly to maintain it. Baptist Press is doing the job that it is called upon to do. So are Russell Dilday and Lloyd Elder. They must be allowed to continue to do so in freedom.



Guest opinion . . .

A historical view

By Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler

The baby ducks ran in a geometric pattern from one corner of the pen to the other. Ignoring the humans who hung on the fence to watch them, the ducks ate the grain that had been processed and placed in tin troughs. The place: Bangladesh. The purpose: to visit the Southern Baptist farm where agricultural evangelist Rick Farley is transforming lives through his preaching and his farming. The result: an ever-increasing appreciation for the mission support system of Southern Baptists.

Rick Farley is teaching improved farming methods to men whose lives are bound to their little plot of land. He is improving the goat stock for increased milk and meat production. He has introduced fish to the streams and ducks to the land. And he is preaching the good news of the kingdom. As I walked through the fields and the barns, I was overwhelmed by the sense of ownership. I had helped to make all this possible. My prayer support often was focused on the country of Bangladesh. My Cooperative Program money has provided salaries for the missionaries, education for their children, and resources for their work. One year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering included an allocation for ducks for Bangladesh. I was seeing first hand what money can buy.

Those little ducks became a symbol for me. They called to mind the missionary hens of days gone by, when women who had little else to give designated a missionary hen; and the eggs were sold for missions. Then I thought of Jesus' expression of love for the people of Jerusalem, when he longed to gather them under his wings as a mother hen. Mission support is a way of succoring the people of the world, who need to know God's love.

Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program have made much progress in their support of missionaries. Although Luther Rice was not a Baptist when he became a missionary, he later became the "founding father" of organized Baptists for the support of missions. He wrote of his experience in being appointed, "The prudential committee was not authorized to appoint a special missionary, and it was due entirely to an intenseness of feeling which could neither be restrained nor resisted that I was able to force my way through the almost insuperable difficulties so as to go to India at that time. I had to provide by begging funds for my outfit, passage, etc., and all this in the space of nine days."

When Southern Baptists separated from Baptists in the North, the unifying factor was voluntary cooperation for the cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The primary organizing action was the publication of a statement on boards of missions, the Foreign Mission Board and the Board of Domestic Missions, which later became the Home Mission Board.

More than 40 years later the women organized for the support of missions, and what we know today as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions were begun in 1888 and 1894. Frontier missionaries in the United States were supported by "missionary barrels," clothing and other essentials for the frontier evangelists who established churches too weak to be self-supporting.

Then the 20th century dawned. Through efforts of the Home Mission Board, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to "devote itself for the next two years to the special effort of

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The Cannata offering

Hunger is compelling the world to sit up and take notice of those who do not have enough to nourish themselves and their children.

Continual hunger is an excruciating feeling and a devastating emotion; but, fortunately, many who have never experienced the pain of hunger are joining in the battle to do something about those who are hungry and cannot help themselves.

Until one has experienced hunger, he cannot understand its pain; but many are helping anyway. And they must. Those who are hungry would not be that way if they could help it.

There are some heroes who are emerging in the global fight to ease the pangs of hunger. Stan Cannata, the son of missionaries Sam and Ginny Cannata, lost his life during an effort to cross a mountain in Ethiopia to get to a pocket of starvation. Ginny Cannata is from Greenville, Miss. Therefore Stan had Mississippi roots.

Mickey Leland, a Texas Congressman, was killed in a plane crash in Ethiopia as he sought to find out more about the hunger problem.

Nationals in the hunger areas of Africa literally take their lives in their hands as they deliver food to needy areas. Many of those heroes are Baptists.

New hunger areas have been left in the Caribbean Sea in the wake of Hurricane Hugo.

October is Hunger Month in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a time to give thought to the problems

caused by hunger around the world and to do something about it.

Many of us have all of the food we need and throw away enough to keep someone else well fed. There is not much we can do about transporting the food that we buy and don't need to a needy area. We can send the money that it takes to buy food, however. We can even refrain from buying too much in order to have money to send, if that is necessary.

The Foreign Mission Board is our collecting point for hunger funds relating to areas outside of the United States, and the Home Mission Board serves as the collecting point for those funds to be used inside the United States. In both cases the total amount given goes directly into battling hunger. There are no administrative expenses to be taken out, for they already have been paid.

Mississippi is near the bottom of the scale economically in the United States, but Mississippi Baptists can show that we care about the hungry. Most of us can give something. We can prove that we care.

Churches should make a special effort during this month to allow their members to show their concern for the hungry. They need to do this in significant monetary amounts.

If we were to name the hunger fund offering, we could call it the Stan Cannata Offering to Alleviate World Hunger. We are not likely to do that; but if we did, Ginny and Sam probably would appreciate it.

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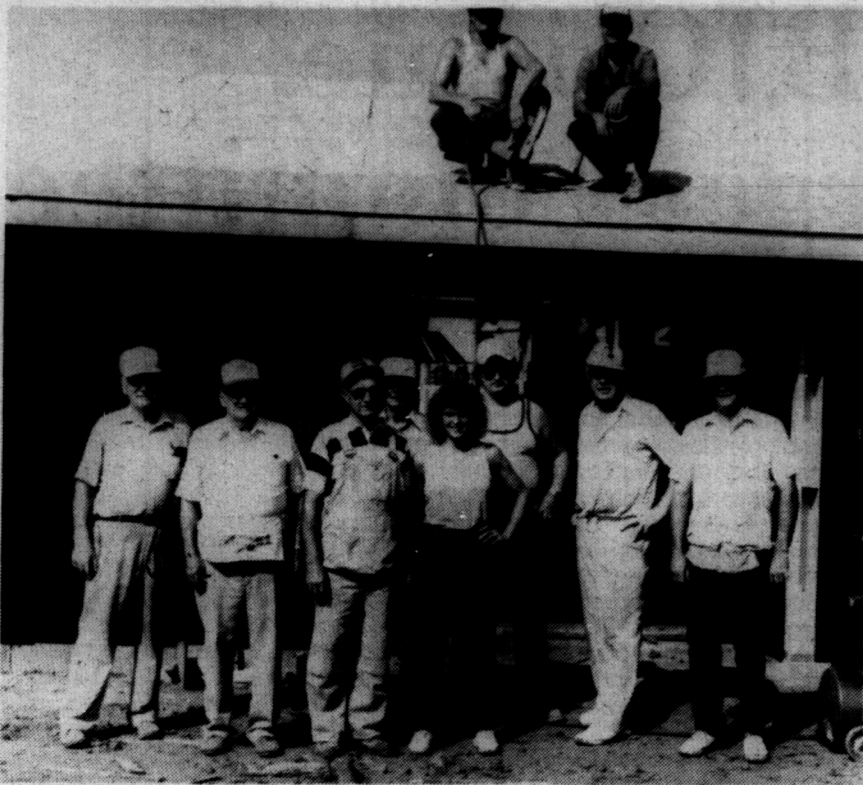
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Webster builds new office

The Webster County Baptist Association is in the process of building a new office building. The 2,200 square foot building is being built with volunteer labor by the men and women of the churches. On completion, the building will be worth \$82,200. It is located on Highway 9, just north of downtown Eupora. On a recent Saturday, some 30 people came to work in the construction crew. The building will have an office for the director of missions, secretary's office, conference and meeting room, kitchen, and media/library center. In the picture from left are George Stidham; J. Stanley Dorroh; J.B. Rowe, building committee chairman; Glenn Earnest, carpenter supervisor; Mrs. Kathy Shaw; Ricky Dean; Charles Gordon, director of missions; James Justice; and on the roof are Turner Shaw and Byron Dean.

Some missionaries leave Colombia, projects delayed

By Mary E. Speidel

BOGOTA, Colombia (BP) — Amid Colombia's escalating drug war, several Southern Baptist missionary couples returned to the United States in mid-September, Foreign Mission Board officials reported.

In addition, five Foreign Mission Board volunteer projects in Colombia have been postponed, officials said. The projects, slated for September and October, involve volunteers from Alabama, North Carolina, and Texas.

The missionaries leaving Colombia will take early furloughs, said Don Kammerdiener, board vice president for the Americas. Texans Arnold and Lucy Pessoa and Missourians Charles and Jamie Ruede were assigned to Medellin, the Colombian city that is headquarters for the world's largest cocaine ring.

The other couple, Larry and Linda Booth of New Jersey, was assigned to Bucaramanga, near the Venezuelan border.

The Pessosas, of Morton, Texas, have moved with their two children to Miami. The Ruedes and their two children have gone to Fayetteville, Mo. Mrs. Ruede, the former Jamie Singleton, was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and considers Fayetteville her hometown. Ruede is from Noel, Mo.

The Booths and their four children were scheduled to go to Raleigh, N.C. Booth is from Camden, N.J. Mrs. Booth, the former Linda Clark, is from Closter, N.J.

Violence erupted in Medellin after the Colombian government launched a crackdown on drug traffickers Aug. 18. The crackdown was triggered by the assassination of Colombian presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan. The killing was linked to Colombian drug lords.

In an emergency measure, Colombian President Virgilio Barco reinstated an extradition treaty with the United States voided in 1988 by the

Colombian Supreme Court. The treaty allows Colombian drug criminals to be brought to the United States for trial.

Drug cartel leaders responded by declaring "total and absolute war" on the government. They also renewed threats to harm Americans in Colombia.

As tensions increased, the State Department advised U.S. citizens in Colombia to "carefully re-evaluate whether it is essential that they travel to or remain in Colombia at this time."

Meanwhile, mission officials offered Southern Baptist missionaries in Colombia several options, Kammerdiener said. Missionaries may return to the United States for furlough, stay in Colombia or move to another Spanish-speaking country. Those who stay in Colombia are free to relocate within the country for safety reasons, he said.

All missionaries assigned to Medellin have temporarily moved to other locations in Colombia, Kammerdiener said. A Medellin school attended by children of missionaries has been closed.

Colombia missionaries currently on furlough in the United States have been asked to delay their return to the field, Kammerdiener said. Decisions concerning missionaries in language school will be postponed until December, when the next group of new missionaries assigned to Colombia completes studies.

Bryan Brasington, the mission board's director for Spanish South America, assured Colombia missionaries of the support of the board and missionaries worldwide. "God will bring something good out of this crisis," he said in a letter to the missionaries.

During such crises, all Southern

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Executive Committee acts on 27 referrals from SBC

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — Members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention acted on 27 motions referred to it at the 1989 annual meeting of the SBC in June during their Sept. 18-19 meeting here.

The committee declined to make the changes suggested in 20 of the motions; declared one matter moot although it will continue to study the issue involved; opted to continue studying four other issues; recommended one bylaw change; heard a report on another referral; and encouraged support of another item.

Most of the motions related to proposed changes in the constitution or bylaws of the SBC. Such proposals are referred to the Executive Committee for study by the committee and the convention's legal counsel.

Under annual meeting procedures, when a messenger makes a motion, if the proposal refers to internal operations, changes in the annual meeting, revisions of the operating documents, or needs further study, the motion is referred to the Executive Committee or the agency mentioned in the motion.

Whatever action is taken must be reported to the subsequent annual meeting. During the September meeting of the Executive Committee, members declared moot a proposal to remove Curtis Caine, a medical doctor and member of First Church, Jackson, Miss., as a commissioner of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Caine aroused the ire of some Southern Baptists with remarks on apartheid and race during a September 1988 meeting of the CLC.

Caine reportedly said Martin Luther King Jr. was a "fraud" and apartheid "doesn't exist any more and was beneficial when it did."

Messenger Joe Arthur of Fort Worth, moved that Caine be removed from the commission, but the motion was referred to the Executive Committee to allow time to investigate the legal ramifications.

The Executive Committee approved an action which declared the matter "moot" since Caine completes his first four-year term on the CLC at the 1990 annual meeting and "consideration of his renomination . . . is a decision to be made by the commissioner and the SBC Committee on Nominations."

However, the committee noted a possible modification of the bylaw on trustee election and trustee removal is being studied.

The committee also is continuing to study three other matters. One relates to the possibility of having weekend sessions of the annual meeting; another concerns local and at-large members of boards of trust; and the third relates to the assignment of separation of church and state and religious liberty items to the CLC.

A motion concerning support for the American Christian Television System (ACTS) network drew a recommendation encouraging Southern Baptists to use and reinforce ACTS, part of the Southern Baptist Radio & Television Commission.

The Executive Committee will recommend to messengers at the 1990 annual meeting a bylaw change which extends a prohibition against Committee on Nominations members elec-

ting a fellow committee member or spouse or a member of the previous year's Committee on Committees, or that member's spouse, to a first term on an entity board of trust.

Previously, Bylaw 16 prohibited nomination of a fellow committee member or a member of the previous year's Committee on Committees to a first term.

The new bylaw proposal would extend the prohibition to cover spouses. The committee, however, declined to declare that spouses of church or denominationally related employees fall into that category because of the work of their mate.

Under SBC rules, boards of trust must be composed both of laypersons and those who are in church or denominational employment.

J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Ky., proposed the bylaw change because the current bylaw "is being violated by the practice of electing the spouse of a church or denominational employee and counting that individual as a layperson."

"Such practice means that the perspective of the pew is not fully represented. The spouse of a church or denominational employee will tend to represent the view of the vocational person rather than the view of the layperson," Cobble said in a letter to the bylaws workgroup of the Executive Committee.

Opponents of the change, however, pointed out the proposal would eliminate the spouses of church secretarial or other employees from

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Venezuela grants visas to two couples

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Venezuela granted work visas in mid-September to two Southern Baptist missionary couples after a wait of more than a year.

That opens the way for missionaries Calvin and Devra Morris of Atlanta to enter Venezuela. But it comes too late for Mike and Sondra McGinnis of Chattanooga, Tenn., who resigned in July to join an independent mission agency.

Bryan Brasington, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Spanish South America, said he believes work visas will come through soon for missionaries Richard and Susan Hutchens of St. Louis, Mo., and Aiken, S.C., respectively, who applied along with the Morris last year.

"A lot of people have prayed that the visas would come through," said Betty Law, associate director for the area. Venezuelan work visas, last ap-

proved for Southern Baptist missionaries in May 1988, have been difficult to obtain over the years.

Brasington requested cancellation of the McGinnises' visas. Board officials said he did so because the McGinnises have accepted a job with the Atlanta-based agency Ambassadors for Christ International and begun soliciting support funds as that organization requires.

The McGinnises began the visa application process before starting a year of language study in December 1987. They still had not received visas by April of this year. The McGinnises declined to accept assignments the Foreign Mission Board offered in four other countries when hope for Venezuelan visas looked slim.

Another couple who had been on hold, Charles and Karen Oak, accepted an assignment in Spain, but the McGinnises said they "did not feel led of God to accept the options of-

ferred." The mission board rejected McGinnis' request to work in Venezuela on tourist visas because Venezuelan lawyers indicated that approach is not legal in their country.

Brasington continued the McGinnises on salary through Sept. 30 for the normal two-month period following resignation, although they announced they would join Ambassadors for Christ International to conduct leadership training seminars in Venezuela and possibly other South American countries.

Normally, support ends after a resigned missionary finds another position. When he resigned, McGinnis said: "It was with a heavy heart and struggle that I came to a decision that it was reasonable for us to resign."

But we believe that was God's leadership. The only recourse was for us to continue to wait indefinitely. The board cannot allow that. They cannot just pay a man's salary to sit in the United States, and we didn't want that.



Lewis

Freese

Jones

Tacon



Garland

Whitten

Whitten

McWilliams

Media library workers will meet at Louisville

Mississippi Baptist church media library workers will get together for their 18th annual conference on Nov. 3 and 4 at First Church, Louisville.



Bond

The banquet, Friday evening at 6, will take place at Lake Tiak O'Khata. Jean Faulkner Bond, Starkville, author of *Blanche Groves of China: Indomitable Lady*, will speak. Mrs. Bond, a deacon at First Church, Starkville, teaches a class of internationals in Sunday School.

Born in New Albany, she has degrees from Blue Mountain College, Louisiana Tech, and New Orleans Seminary.

She has taught English at Mississippi State, as well as other universities and colleges. As a missionary, she taught at Hong Kong Baptist College.

Two CML workers from Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead conferences — Barbara B. Freese and Jack Lewis. Other conference leaders will include Sylvia Garland, Maryville, Tenn., special worker with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and president of the Tennessee CML organization; Carolyn Hulsey, state CML president and media library director, First Church, Kosciusko; Bill Jones, associate director of media library, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Janet Jordan, media library staff, and Beulah Lewis, media library director, First Church, Jackson; Margaret Perkins, media library director, First Church, Columbus; Peggy Tacon, Mobile, special worker, Alabama Baptist Convention.

Don Cotton, pastor, First, Louisville,

will give the devotional message Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning's devotional time will feature Anne Washburn McWilliams and Charles and Indy Whitten, all of Clinton. Mrs. McWilliams is author of *Charles and Indy Whitten: Sent to Love*. The Whittens, retired, were missionaries for 40 years in Argentina, Spain, and Equatorial Guinea.

Those who arrive early Friday can attend early bird conferences, 10 a.m. until noon, one conference for new workers and the other a "swap shop" of ideas.

Six base workshops will be on the topics of processing media; basic and advanced classification and cataloging; church media library at work; audio-visuals and BTN; and promotion.

Seven selective conferences will concern resources for selecting media; use of Bible study helps; church programs and the media library; how to operate a media library in a small church; ministry of church media library; book repair; and essentials for desk personnel.

Registration is to take place Friday, 9:30-10. Friday lunch will be served at First Church, Louisville, 12 to 1. Friday afternoon's opening session will begin at 1. Saturday morning session will open at 8 and adjourn at noon.

The Baptist Book Store, Charles McGlocklin, manager, will exhibit books during the conference. An autograph time has been scheduled for Saturday morning for Mrs. Bond, Mrs. McWilliams, and the Whittens.

Lake Tiak O'Khata is holding a block of rooms for CML workers. Reservations should be made there by Oct. 20. Phone 773-7853 for further information.

Keith Williams is media library consultant, state Sunday School Department.

Mississippian joins Missouri board staff

Robert F. Loggins Sr., a native of Verona, Miss., has been named associate in black church relations for the missions department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. He now lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Loggins was licensed by the St. John Baptist Church in Laurel in 1976 and ordained by the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hattiesburg in 1980. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and has taken graduate work at Mississippi State University. He is also a graduate of

New Orleans Seminary.

Loggins was appointed a missionary by the Home Mission Board in 1986 to serve in Missouri.

Of 700 translations of the Bible, 400 are English.

Fifty-two percent of all Christians live in affluence — 27 percent live in poverty.

The new radio station in Guatemala is able to reach more than 100,000 K'ekchi' Indians with the gospel.

"Settle BJC issue," Vines urges committee

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention should have an opportunity to determine its relationship to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs "in a clear-cut, uncomplicated way," SBC President Jerry Vines urged.

Vines made his plea during a sermon preached to the SBC Executive Committee Sept. 18 in Nashville.

The request came just after the Executive Committee voted to rescind its proposal for a Religious Liberty Commission in Washington and to consider assigning the convention's religious liberty program to the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Last February, the Executive Committee proposed the Religious Liberty Commission "as an alternative to accomplish the program and funding" of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a nine-denomination First Amendment/religious liberty organization in Washington.

The proposal was to have come before messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., in June. But the Executive Committee honored Vines' request to defer the proposal for a year so that messengers to the annual meeting could focus "on presenting Christ in Las Vegas."

Consequently, the issue was scheduled to come before messengers to the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans next June. Following the Executive Committee's September action, the issue still should come up, but with messengers voting on assigning religious liberty to the Christian Life Commission, the SBC's moral concerns agency.

Reflecting on those recent events and the impending decisions, Vines told the Executive Committee: "I requested that this committee defer its recommendation relative to the Religious Liberty Commission. I did it as a matter of timing. I felt our emphasis should be upon evangelism in Las Vegas. You graciously granted my request; God honored it, and evangelism was the focus in Las Vegas."

"Tonight, in that same spirit, I make another request. I believe the

time has now come to settle the issue of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs . . .

"I would like to request that you ascertain the facts concerning the funding of the Baptist Joint Committee and provide the same for publication in our Baptist papers, thus enabling our people to clearly understand them."

"Further, I request that this committee provide the messengers at the New Orleans convention with the opportunity to settle this issue among us in a clear-cut, uncomplicated way. Let it be done with Christian grace, denominational statesmanship and without rancor."

"Whatever the outcome, let the majority not gloat, the minority not gripe, and let us move on."

Moderate Southern Baptists have defeated several attempts to remove SBC funding for the Baptist Joint Committee. Asked if he would encourage conservatives to "move on" should moderates sustain full support for the Baptist Joint Committee next summer, Vines told Baptist Press: "I will take no position on the matter. I'm just saying, let's take it to the convention and settle it once and for all."

James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, said the Executive Committee's proposal to move the religious liberty assignment to the Christian Life Commission ignores SBC mandate.

"Once again, the Executive Committee is ignoring the repeated, explicit and clearly understood action of the convention," Dunn said, citing a "54 percent to 46 percent vote not to tinker with the budget of the Baptist Joint Committee last summer in Las Vegas."

Of the process for proposing the program assignment change, Dunn added: "They're changing the way Southern Baptists function by making the Executive Committee a governing board or ruling body. That bodes ill for the future of a vital denominational process in the SBC."

"Secondly, if followed to its logical conclusion, this action would downgrade, obscure and confuse the Southern Baptist witness to religious liberty. It would make religious liber-

ty nearly a cafeteria-line item in the Christian Life Commission agenda.

"Last, the current course of action rejects long-standing relationships with other Baptist bodies. It rejects the reputation and relationship of this agency that has been built over a 53-year period, which cannot be duplicated, at least not quickly."

Asked if the Baptist Joint Committee can get enough supporters to New Orleans to sustain its relationship to the SBC, Dunn responded: "I don't even think that is the question. The Baptist Joint Committee will be sustained by Southern Baptists, whatever the vote at the convention and whatever the line item in . . . the budget."

Richard Land, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, said his agency would cooperate in the process ratified by the Executive Committee.

Marv Knox writes for BP.

Remember to pray for Japan

Do you ever play word-association? If so, try these. Ogori-Boyle, Sasebo-New Hope, Nokata-Immanuel or Hiroshima-Alta Woods. We could go on with 15 more, but you catch the drift. These are Japanese and Mississippi churches in partnership for evangelism.

Please pray this week for the 52 pastors and lay persons working in places with strange sounding names. About 99 percent of the people do not know Christ as Savior. Pray for the small churches, the pastors, and our evangelistic teams in this partnership. — Guy Henderson

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eliciting and combining the energies of the whole denomination in the sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel." A Committee on Cooperation was formed to devise and direct the emphasis. The committee asked the WMU and SBC, to use its influence to stimulate people to give regularly and proportionately to Southern Baptist causes, to use Southern Baptist literature, and to organize missionary societies.

Still there was no comprehensive, satisfactory plan for mission support. The \$75 Million Campaign was a beginning, from 1919-1924; and, while the financial goal was not reached, the campaign resulted in greater unification of Southern Baptists. Their vision had been enlarged to see what could be done. And, the Cooperative Program was born. Since 1925 this comprehensive plan has given individuals, churches, and state conventions the opportunity to pool their resources into one gigantic pocketbook for the support of missions.

Because Southern Baptists share financially through the Cooperative Program there are ducks in Bangladesh. Corn on the previously unproductive slopes of Mindanao. Thoracic surgery in a well-equipped hospital in Bangalore. Soup for the bag ladies in uptown Chicago. Bibles for Indian children in New Mexico. Things. People. Tools placed in the hands of God's servants to be used for the one overwhelming task of his children, the evangelization of every person in the world.

"My part is the most important thing I ever did. We would never have grown as we have without it. God led us to start it. Tell Baptists to keep it going." These were the words of Mrs. W. C. James in 1933, when she was 90 years old. She was part of the committee that started the Cooperative Program. She believed in mission support.

Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, former executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, is a native of Mississippi.

Devotional

Danger of losing Jesus

By J. Greg Martin
Luke 2:44

One of the most terrifying experiences that any parent could have would be to lose their child in a major city.

Jesus' parents lost him when he was but twelve years old. The family lost him in Jerusalem, where the nation had assembled for Passover. It was on the return trip that Mary and Joseph discovered his absence. Luke 2:44 says they, "supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey."

You would think his parents would have been more responsible. I can see a friend, babysitter, or relative letting a twelve year old get out of their sight, but not a mother or father in a strange city.

Mary and Joseph were the most unlikely people to lose contact with a Christ-child. So are God's people who have been baptized in the blood of the Lamb.

They lost him at the most unlikely place, the temple. God's people often lose fellowship with Christ even when they are faithful in attendance at the house of God.

They lost our Savior at the most unlikely time. The Passover was a high and holy celebration. This is a high and holy time for many of God's people. Our Sunday Schools are emphasizing outreach. Our churches are having fall revivals. Our state convention is preparing for next month. It would be a terrible time to get our eyes off the Master.

Great is the opportunity to have fellowship with Jesus. Let's don't suppose he is in our plans, journeyings, and lives. Let's make sure. If you have slipped out of fellowship with him, why don't you retrace your steps back to Jesus? That is what Mary and Joseph did. You can do it, too.

Martin is pastor, Commission Road, Long Beach.



Martin

Some missionaries leave Colombia

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Baptist missionaries are allowed to make their own decisions about relocating, Kammerdiener said. "Missionary personnel throughout the world have Foreign Mission Board backing to move out of danger zones as local circumstances dictate," he said. "Colombia missionaries have that same privilege."

Southern Baptists have worked in Colombia since 1941 in evangelism, education, relief, and human needs ministries. "We have maintained our work under all types of governments, serving the people to the limit of our resources and abilities," Kammer-

diener said.

This year Southern Baptist volunteers have completed 15 projects in Colombia, according to board officials. All upcoming volunteer projects may be rescheduled, said James Cecil, associate director of the board's volunteer department.

Volunteers from Alabama had been scheduled to visit Colombia during September to work at a Baptist book depository and renovate a building at a Baptist camp. Two Southern Baptist seminary professors were to have led workshops and seminars in Cali in September and October.

Mary Speidel writes for the FMB.

"Send resolutions to Causey's office"

Jim Futral, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has requested that any Mississippi Baptist wishing to present a resolution at the annual convention in Jackson, Nov. 13-15, should send a copy of that resolution to the Executive Director's office prior to the convention.

Futral said that though advance presentation is not required for consideration, it would give the committee on resolutions time to research its

response to the resolutions and allow time for consideration in case a large number of resolutions are presented. Futral noted that Joe Tuten of Jackson is resolutions committee chairman.

The address to send resolutions to is Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Resolutions will be forwarded to the committee.

Revival dates

South Side, Meridian: Oct. 8-13; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Weekdays, noon and 7 p.m.; Frank Harmon, First, Newton, evangelist; T. R. Darsey, First, Butler, Ala., music; Wayne Riley, pastor.

Goodyear, Picayune (Pearl River): Oct. 8-12; Sunday, 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.; Mon-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ray Newcomb, First, Millington, Tenn., evangelist; Greg Burleson, Goodyear, Picayune, music; Arlis F. Grice, pastor.

Courtland (Panola): Oct. 8-12; Bruce Jolly, First, Sardis, evangelist; song leader, Don Brummett; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Billy J. McDaniel, pastor.

Corinth, Heidelberg: Oct. 8-11; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Wed., 7 p.m.; Dennis Sewell, Highland, Laurel, evangelist; David McKee, Corinth, music; James K. Taylor, pastor.

Springfield, Natchez (Adams-Union): Oct. 8-12; services, 7:30 p.m.; Randy Lewman, Bluff Springs, Magnolia, evangelist; Diane Britt, Natchez, music; Michael McCarty Townsend, pastor.

First, Morton: Oct. 8-12; William S. Stewart, pastor, First, Eupora, evangelist; John Yates, Jackson, music evangelist; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Thurs., 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Charles Moody, pastor, Jeffrey Parker, minister of music and youth.

New Hope (Leake): Oct. 8-11; Sunday, homecoming services, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m.; Randolph Scott, message; lunch served at noon; afternoon singing with the Disciples from Meridian, 1:30 p.m.; revival services, Sun-Wed., 7 nightly; Bobby Barfoot, interim pastor, preaching.

Pine Grove, Dumas (Tippah): Oct. 7-8; services, Saturday, 7 p.m., with Randy Bostick and Chuck Hampton; Sunday, 10 a.m., with Terry Ledbetter, pastor; dinner in fellowship hall, 12:30 p.m.; afternoon singing, 1:30 p.m., The Servants Quartet of Ripley, guest singers; no night services; also included in this special day will be a building dedication for the sanctuary.

Shiloh, Mantachie (Itawamba): Oct. 8-12; services, 7 p.m.; Danny Sparks, Thrasher, evangelist; Ronald Harris, pastor.

Locust Street (Pike): Oct. 8-12; Jack Gregory, pastor, Southwestern Church, Johnson City, Tenn., evangelist; Mike Parks, Morrison

Heights, Clinton, music evangelist; services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday and 7 p.m., Mon-Thurs.; David Mitchell is pastor.

Friendship, Sturgis (Oktibbeha): Oct. 8-13; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Fri., 7 p.m.; Buster Wilson, pastor, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist.

Homecomings

Nola (Lawrence): Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Bobby Smith, New Zion (Lawrence), guest speaker; dinner on the grounds, noon; 1 p.m., singing, The Heartfelt Singers and Heavens Jubilee, Johnston Station; no night services; Clayton Hart, pastor.

Bentonla (Yazoo): Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; John Patterson, former pastor, Pearl, guest speaker; dinner in fellowship hall at noon; no night service.

Holly Springs (Marion): Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Porter Buckley, former pastor, speaker; lunch in fellowship hall at noon; afternoon singing service, 1:30; James L. Yates, pastor.

North Calvary, Philadelphia (Neshoba): Oct. 8; James T. Bryant, former pastor, Taylorsville, guest speaker; dinner on grounds, noon; afternoon singing, featuring two quartets; no night services; charter members will be recognized; Stanley B. Barnett, pastor.

Glading (Amite): Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds; Walsh family will sing in the afternoon. Charles Kirkfield, pastor.

Mt. Pisgah, Enid: Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.; David Crowe, pastor, speaker; dinner on the grounds, noon; singing in the afternoon from 1-3:30 p.m.

Ingram (Prentiss): was held Oct. 1; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Joe Herndon, pastor, speaker; dinner in fellowship hall.

Dry Creek, Florence (Rankin): Oct. 8; 10:45 a.m.; James Shumaker, guest speaker; Bob and Gloria Allen, Mount Olive, music; dinner on the grounds, afternoon singing, 2 p.m.; no night services; Jerry Glass, pastor.

Damascus, Flora (Hinds-Madison): Oct. 8; times are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; William "Sonny" Bradshaw, Yazoo City, pastor, speaker; dinner in fellowship hall; afternoon singing, Castle Quartet, Pochontas; no night service.

Two-Mile, Morton: Oct. 8; morning worship, 10:30; lunch in fellowship hall at noon; singing at 1 p.m. featuring the "Broken Vessels."

New Good Hope, Pulaski: Oct. 8; services, 10:30 a.m., with dinner following; singing in afternoon featuring the Sons of Faith; Curtis Roland, guest speaker; Paul Smith, pastor.

Willow Grove, Collins (Covington): Oct. 8; 11 a.m. dinner in fellowship hall at noon; 1:30, afternoon singing, "The Shepherds of Love," guest singers; no night service; offering for the day will go to building fund; Ed Sullivan, former pastor, evangelist; Billy Purser, pastor.

Clear Branch (Rankin): Oct. 8; Sunday School, 10; preaching, 11 a.m.; James D. Whittington, former pastor, now pastor of Byram Church, Terry Road, guest speaker; singing in afternoon with group from Star Church, Star, and Glorybound Quartet, Carmel, Monticello; dinner served in family life center; R. C. Rice, pastor.

Mt. Vernon (Leflore): Oct. 8, 11 a.m.; Frank Childress, guest speaker; covered dish in fellowship hall, noon; afternoon singing; no night services; Larry McDaniel, pastor.

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Baptist Nursing Fellowship retreat set for Camp Garaywa

Members and prospects of Mississippi Baptist Nursing Fellowship will gather for a retreat Oct. 13-14 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton. The overnight meeting will provide opportunities for fellowship, give time for reports on recent mission trips, and focus on new avenues for missions.

Registration for the retreat will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, with supper at 6. The meeting will conclude at 2:30, Saturday.

Ellen Tabor, former missionary to Korea and first president of the national Baptist Nursing Fellowship, will be keynote speaker. (She and her husband, Charles Tabor, were present for the charter meeting of Mississippi BNF at Camp Garaywa in 1986.)

On Friday night, missions news and information will be presented. Participants will include Elmer Goble, Home Mission Board; Glen Prescott,

Foreign Mission Board; Richard Brogan and Neron Smith, Cooperative Missions Department, David Michel, Stewardship Department, and Paul Jones, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Two state BNF officers, Shirley Chapman of Pearl and Debbie Smith of Tupelo, will report on their recent medical mission service in Nigeria. President Marion Fosberg of Jackson will preside.

Saturday, 1:15-2:25, there will be a dialogue session with Tabor, Goble, and Prescott. A workshop for state and local chapter officers will be held Saturday, 1:00-2:30.

The Baptist Book Store will be available during the retreat, with Toni McCoy in charge.

Cost for the retreat is \$20 per person, which includes three meals, overnight lodging, and insurance. Overnight participants will need to bring linens and towels. Those who cannot attend the entire retreat are welcome to any session.

For details, call the WMU office in Jackson at 968-3800.



Donnell and Simmons

Nolan Houston, DOM, announces retirement

Nolan Houston, director of missions for Carroll-Montgomery Baptist Association, has announced his retirement date as Feb. 1, 1990. Houston and his wife Ann, have served the churches in those two counties for 10 years.

The Charleston, Miss., native came to the DOM post from the pastorate of Menchville Church, Newport News, Va. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist University and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Houston, 70, has led numerous mission trips to Honduras, West Virginia, and Indiana. He will be leading a trip to Honduras to build a church in El Progreso area in January. He told the Baptist Record he is considering several offers for other ministry involvement.

A search committee has been formed to seek a replacement for Houston. The committee asks interested persons to submit applications before Dec. 1. Applications should be sent to the following address along with a photograph: Rev. Leon Holly, Box 398, Vaiden, MS 39176.

Youth Ministers' Conference to take place at Tiak O'Khata

"Helping Parents Rear Crisis-Free Youth" is the topic of one of the sessions at the Youth Ministers' Conference which will take place Oct. 23-25 at Lake Tiak O'Khata near Louisville.

That session will be led by Richard Ross, church staff support consultant in youth ministry for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Ross will also speak on personal finances, new research on church youth, continuing education, and growth in small churches.

Bob Taylor, professional youth specialist from Nashville, will speak on how to enlist adults to work with youth, how to involve youth in worship, developing a comprehensive youth ministry in a large church, and how to revitalize one's own sense of calling and commitment.

Charlie Ray, a Hattiesburg model



Sugg

Sorrell

BYW to gather at Garaywa

Baptist Young Women from all over Mississippi will gather at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Oct. 13-14, for their annual BYW Retreat. Special guests for the weekend will include Bobbie Sorrell, associate executive director of WMU, SBC; Nan Sugg, furloughing missionary from Taiwan; and "Bloom" from Hattiesburg. "Bloom" consists of Linda Donnell and Carol Simmons. These women lead seminars dealing with a Christian woman's approach to health and attractiveness.

Activities during the weekend include missionary speakers, music, fellowship, a campfire, and a seminar on Saturday led by "Bloom."

The retreat begins with registration at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes with lunch on Saturday. Cost is \$20 per person. Any young woman between the ages of 18-34 may register by sending their name, address, and registration fee to WMU, Box 530, Jackson, MS, 39205, or by calling 968-3800, ext. 3917.

Tanzania reported 16,000 baptisms in 1988; that's about one baptism for each 4 3/8 church members. (Southern Baptists baptized one person for each 43 church members.)

More Southern Baptist missionaries serve in Brazil than in any other field.



Taylor

Ross

Executive Committee acts . . .

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being able to serve on boards or committees as laypersons.

The committee also declined to approve a bylaw change which would have limited a church to having only one trustee serving on the board of an SBC entity at a time. It noted it "shares the concern expressed in the . . . motion" of John Hewitt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Asheville, N.C., but declined to establish the limit.

Members of the bylaws workgroup and administrative and convention arrangements subcommittee asked that their concerns be expressed to the 1990 Committee on Nominations, which proposes persons to serve on the boards of the national entities of the SBC.

The committee also declined to accept a proposal that any pastor nominated and elected to serve on the board of one of the six SBC seminaries be a graduate of one of the seminaries.

The committee also declined to recommend five proposals which related to the officers of the convention. One would have established the term of office at two years rather than one year. Bylaws workgroup chairman Eldridge Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sallisaw, Okla., expressed the fear such a change would move the convention toward having biennial sessions, and said such a change would require a great commitment from any person elected to of-

fice in the convention.

Another motion declined would have required a candidate to receive two-thirds of the votes cast to become president; a third would have delineated the duties of the officers; a fourth would have limited nominating speeches to one minute rather than the current three minutes and a fifth would have established the times of the convention sermon and president's address by bylaw at the annual meeting.

The committee also declined to recommend changes which would have eliminated resolutions at the annual meeting; established a new committee on the Baptist Faith and Message; changed the name of the SBC; set minimum contributions at \$2,500 for representation at the annual meeting; established the annual meeting for the third week in June of each year; changed guidelines whereby meeting sites are chosen; picked Portland, Ore., as a meeting place; made changes in the exhibit policy at the annual meeting; and established hiring policies for denominational entities.

It also declined to provide financial help or housing scholarships to allow broader representation at the annual meeting. It was pointed out the annual meetings currently cost between \$400,000 and \$650,000, and such scholarships or help would make expenses of the annual meeting very high.

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

Churches adopt expanded annuity plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the Sept. 7 issue of the Baptist Record:

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Mississippians help in hurricane's wake

By Tim Nicholas

Mississippi Baptists, led by their state Brotherhood Department, responded quickly to a request for aid in the wake of destruction left by Hurricane Hugo.

The first response of the Brotherhood Department was to activate the disaster relief unit housed at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko. The first team of 10 men accompanied the unit to Charleston, leaving the state on Sept. 22, the day after the storm hit, and arriving in South Carolina the next day.

It was Sunday at lunch, though, before the unit was set up and in operation at Charleston Heights Baptist Church in North Charleston near the Navy base.

As of Oct. 1, the unit had served 8,283 hot meals to victims and workers alike.

The second response initiated by the Brotherhood Department was to request teams to help in the cleanup in the Charleston area and on the island of St. Kitts, one of the associated states of the West Indies.

Cleanup crews for South Carolina are needed immediately. Needed are construction workers, electricians and general cleanup volunteers. All need to take sleeping bags, food, chainsaws, and basic tools. Each team of 8-10 needs a coordinator.

St. Kitts needs linemen to string wires where posts have already been set. Climbing gear is needed. Construction crews to replace roofs are needed. Volunteers need to bring carpenter tools and three chain saws per 10-12 man team. Lodging will be provided by a local missionary, but cost of the trip is about \$700 per man. The first team should be ready to fly out Saturday, Oct. 14, with subsequent teams leaving the following Saturdays.

To volunteer for either group, contact the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, phone 968-3800.

The Charleston area of South Carolina was left in shambles after Hugo. Not only was the city devastated, but a week afterwards, people were beginning to be heard from in the outlying areas.

Besides nearly a million people left without electricity, it appeared that just about every other home had some kind of damage, either a window was missing or some of the roofing was gone.

For the first few days, Charlestonians walked through their city in a

daze, the aftershock of Hugo not yet worn off.

Getting to Charleston was easier than getting arrangements made in setting up the Mississippi unit. The team spent Saturday night on the outskirts of Charleston at Baptist College of Charleston, awaiting some kind of information about where the need was greatest. Red Cross, the Brotherhood Commission, and other disaster groups were not coordinated quickly to make that determination.

When on-site coordinator Jim Didlake decided to go to Charleston Heights Church, the unit moved smoothly into town, setting up in time to serve lunch Sunday. The mood of the neighborhood was one of being happy to see the team.

Word was passed through the neighborhood and most meals saw slight increases in those being fed. Food distribution was slow, though. For several meals, there were people arriving after the unit had run out of food.

For the first week, there never was any food to serve at breakfast. A case of instant coffee borrowed from the Alabama unit a few miles away gave the crew an opportunity to open in the mornings and chat informally with people in the neighborhood.

Power remained off in the Charleston Heights area to the end of last week, though by Sept. 26, the water department had declared water safe to drink.

People didn't seem starved, but they were hungry. When word got out that McDonald's in Savannah had sent 1,000 Big Mac hamburgers to the unit, more people were served that night than the next day at lunch.

James Shamblin, a lay member of First Church, Jackson, who had triple-bypass heart surgery last year, told a Home Mission Board reporter that in a poorer neighborhood where the Mississippians were working, hurricane damage "will affect these people for the balance of their lives."

Shamblin, a businessman who operates Better Lines, an office supply company, said "Some of these things will never be replaced." He said of the damaged homes. "These people just don't have resources."

Taking food to a church member shut in, the Baptist Record reporter was shown the man's backyard. The old man pointed through the trees to a nearly obscured garage. "I don't know if my car was damaged. I can't

even see it," he said.

There was a fire station across the street from the church and firemen noted the winds had reached 138 miles an hour during the storm. One said they watched the lights from a house blazing during the height of the storm, unable to move from their shelter because they would have been blown away.

The pharmacy next to the fire station was closed — perhaps permanently. It had been looted during the storm and completely emptied. One Exxon manager found a generator and opened a couple of pumps so people could get gas, limiting purchases to \$10 per car. One of his staff told the Baptist Record he was a Baptist minister of music, but didn't go to church that Sunday morning because "I thought this was more important," he said. The unit took coffee to the station and delivered meals to them so they could continue working.

A grocery store let the Mississippi crew in for purchases with a store employee accompanying crew members through the semi-darkness with a flashlight.

Charleston Heights Church, a large church with a declining membership in a transitional neighborhood, suffered loss of the roof of one of its buildings and several inches of water in its basement. Water dripped onto the podium in the large sanctuary, spreading much further than the small buckets beneath the leaks could reach.

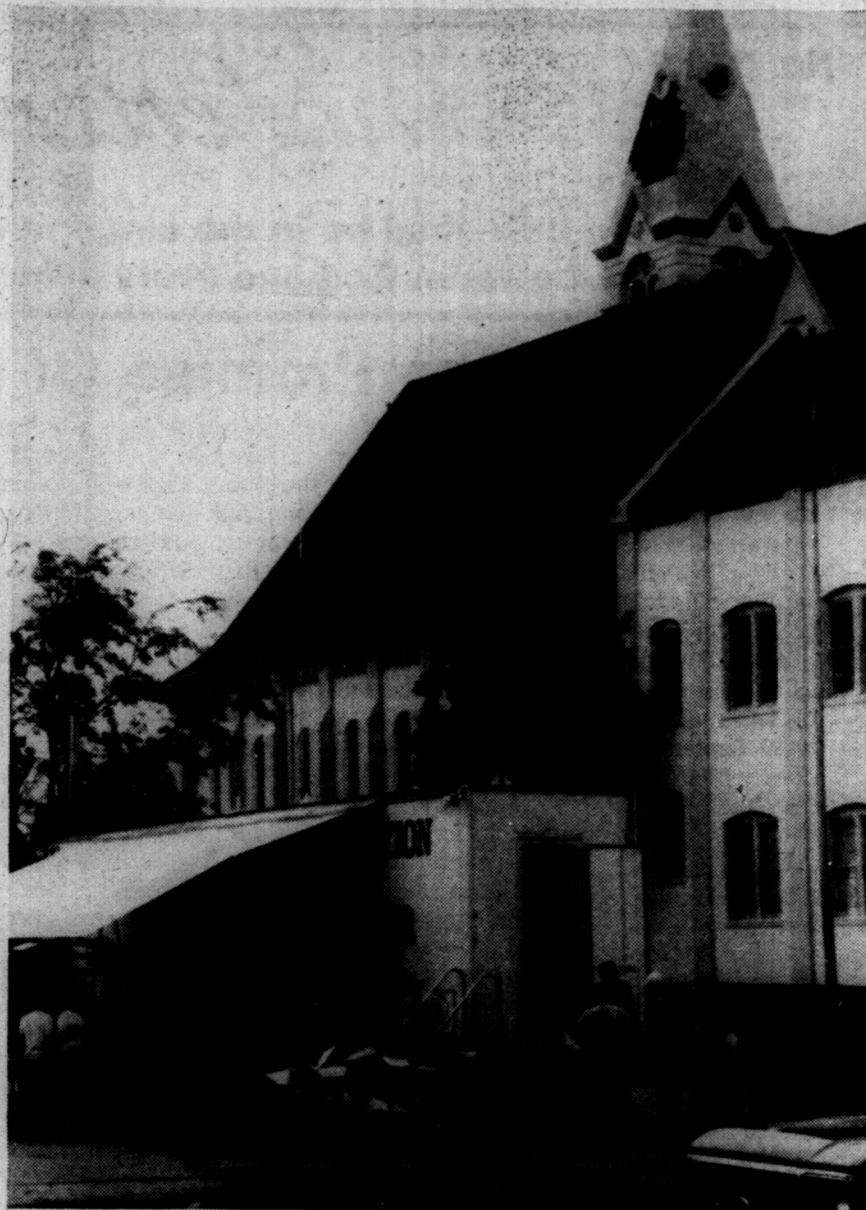
On the fenced parking lot of the church, the unit operated off its generator, supplying lights to the church office area and the motor home where several team members slept. The crew took time about staying up to guard the equipment during the nights. The Alabama unit, closer to downtown, had two National Guardsmen assigned with automatic weapons. Guardsmen downtown said that though their hours were long, people would drive up to them, strangers, and give them coffee and food, thanking them for being there.

When the Mississippi unit was set up, scouting around the neighborhood was done. One child was told lunch would be served at noon. "How much?" he asked. He was told that it was all free. (Mississippi Baptists through their state mission offerings and the Cooperative Program help pay for it.)

One older woman downtown who owns a home nearly 200 years old but barely damaged, was asked if she had anything to eat at home. She said she had a can of pork and beans and some asparagus. She responded with emotion when told of hot meals being served till the 7 p.m. curfew only a block away. "You mean they'll serve anyone? And for free?" she asked.

The HMB writer, visiting the Mississippi unit spoke with Charleston Heights pastor Bruce Russell. Russell told the writer that a church member, seeing the Mississippi unit at work, said, "I did not know our Cooperative Program did all this. This has given me a different view of our Baptist work."

Different views were made available even to the seasoned crew of the disaster unit. Late night discussions included talk of whether the crew should expect recipients of the food to be appreciative. Consensus was that there was no such right.



The Alabama disaster unit was placed at Citadel Square Baptist Church near the heart of the city of Charleston. Even that church suffered some danger.

And other lessons were learned, perhaps about judgment. Early one morning James Shamblin was sweeping the glass littered parking lot. A neighborhood woman approached him and volunteered to help. He said he'd let her help sweep the lot if she'd take a cup of coffee first.

The woman swept for a couple of hours, working up a sweat. One crew member told her thanks for helping. She said she'd been watching the crew working for two days.

"You don't even stop working when it's raining," she said. She said her "old man" takes care of her and she had some money to buy food when the grocery store opened again, but the Mississippians were helping people who didn't have anything. She wanted to return the favor.

She was asked about her relationship to the Lord and she responded she was a Christian. "But I'm a Christian at another church, not this one." She said that Jesus was lord of her life but said she wasn't good enough to witness to others visiting the unit. She was told being good enough isn't a qualification for witnessing.

One house in the neighborhood had been pointed out to the crew as being a house of prostitution. When the woman went home, that was the house she entered.

TEAM 1 included Jim Didlake, Brandon; Bill Purvis, Ethel; Glen Nace, Kokomo; Ed Bailey, Brandon; Tim Nicholas, Jackson; Paul Hill, Brandon; James Shamblin, Jackson; John Pepper, Rolling Fork; Harding Walters, Brandon; and Larry McKay, Jackson. They left Sept. 22 at 10 p.m. from First Church, Brandon.

TEAM 2 included Jim Didlake, Brandon; Bill Purvis, Ethel; Glen Nace, Kokomo; Fred McCrory, Brandon; Willie Wilson, Brandon; Marshall Jeffers, Brandon; Wayne Burnett, Brandon; Jerald Welch, Greenwood; Gary Keen, Philadelphia; and Lee Castle, Holly Springs. They left Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. from First Church, Brandon and the Baptist Building.



Ed Bailey, a lay member of First Church, Brandon, and a Highway Department employee, affixes a lunch sign to the church parking lot with the help of a resident.

TEAM 3 included Jim Didlake, Brandon; Bill Purvis, Ethel; Glen Nace, Kokomo; William T. Wright, Goss; Ed Willis, Clinton; Copie Myers, Jackson; Don Bailey, Pearl; Jackie Moore, Enterprise; Charles Austin, Pontotoc; Talmadge Smith, Brookhaven; Lamar Hataway, Kosciusko; and Garvin Herrington, Philadelphia.

Baptist men serve 150,000 meals

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP) — Members of the Baptist Men organization served 150,000 meals in the first week following Hurricane Hugo and are nearing service capacity for the 13 feeding units.

George Bullard, director of the missions division for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, said the disaster response units are serving 35,000 hot meals a day and will reach capacity as they near 40,000 meals.



Glenn Nace, pastor of Kokomo Church, Marion County, helps a victim of Hugo pour Kool-Aid.

Letters From Carey

BY JIM EDWARDS
Interim President

"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I shall look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." Genesis 9:16

The Promise Of Prayer at William Carey College

During the past few weeks our letters have been about God's promises and His symbol promises — the RAINBOW. September was a Rainbow kind of month for us at Carey.

Enrollment improved miraculously during the month. Financial circumstances are better but still very difficult pending completion of our bank loan negotiations. The spirit on our campuses of students, faculty and administrators, and trustees is "Accentuating the Positive", which is our October 12-14 Homecoming theme. Our trustee/administrator prayer retreat, scheduled in Laurel with our Denominational Advisory Council, was well attended and very spiritually uplifting.

Why did we have a prayer retreat? Because we needed it, and Trustee David Grant led us to focus on that need in a sensitive and positive way. You'll understand after reading his letter which follows. Dr. Grant led representatives of 20 churches to pray on Thursday night, September 21, for our College and other MBC agencies, and for a revival in our churches in Mississippi. On Saturday, September 23, I asked 50 more churches represented at our Small Church Growth Conference to pray for us. Think of what can happen with 70 churches praying specifically for help for William Carey College.

The calendar for October on my office wall has a beautiful rare double RAINBOW in the sky over Arizona. Will October be a double Rainbow month? I think so. Read on, beginning with David Grant's challenge to put prayer at the center of everything.

"PROMISES OF ANSWERED PRAYER"

The Mississippi Baptist Convention elected me as a trustee for William Carey College in 1988. Prior to attending my first board meeting shortly after being elected, I did not recall ever having been on the Campus but one time. The first meeting I attended was one of the most depressing and discouraging ones I have ever attended for any cause. The outlook and future of William Carey was as bleak as one can imagine. It appeared that about the only alternative we had was to give up and close the institution. However, there was a ray of hope. We believed the College was divinely established and that God still had a plan for it. This conviction led to tenacious determination, soul searching and to a commitment to prayer. As a result of this kind of dedication and of the seeking of divine intervention, I am happy to say almost one year later light can be seen on the other end of the tunnel. There is a spirit of enthusiasm and hope and I am delighted to share this optimistic spirit with you. The future of William Carey is as promising as the promise of our Lord to answer prayer, and this is what I want to deal with in the remainder of this article.

"SOME PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF ANSWERED PRAYER"

The first and most dynamic answer I can possibly share and the one I am most delighted to give is the promise of Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." I was born and reared in the community of Plantersville, Mississippi. I had wonderful parents, brothers, and a sister, and had the privilege of growing up in the Plantersville Baptist Church. Through the influence of relatives such as these and church members, I felt the call of God to trust Jesus as my personal Savior. As a mid-teenager I followed the instruction of Romans 10:13 and Jesus saved me. Since then my life has never been the same. Although it has had its ups and downs, it has been a joyous and victorious one. I know if my Lord could answer a simple prayer that I prayed and saved me, He is able to answer other prayers and give William Carey College a fruitful ministry.

One of the most shocking experiences of my life was when I realized my Lord was calling me to be a preacher. This was also a lonely struggle. For almost three years I struggled with this call before ever mentioning it to one person. When I did mention it to my Sunday School teacher and parents, I became terribly frightened and fearful that I was mistaken in even thinking God would call a person like me to such an awesome task. At that time I knew very little about prayer and did not practice it anything like I should have, but one night I felt that I could stand the anxiety and stress no longer. In a childlike way I went to my heavenly Father and told Him I wanted Him to assure me of my call, if it was genuine. Almost immediately a calm came over me and an assurance became mine that has remained to this day — almost fifty years later. Based on this kind of personal experience, I am strongly convinced that when educated, dedicated and consecrated people lift William Carey College to the throne of grace that our Lord will see us through.

This call to preach was also a call to preparation. I knew very little about college and almost nothing about seminaries. I also knew if I served God in the capacity of a minister, an education was essential. I grew up in a poor home during the depression years and money was truly a scarce item around the Grant home. So far as seeing a way to finance an education I saw no way, but left home in the fall of 1941 to pursue academic degrees on very little necessary funds and on faith. In the fall of 1951, I walked away from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a B.D. and Th.D. degree, after having received the B.A. at Mississippi College, and was debt free. I believe with all my heart that just as the heavenly Father called me and supplied my needs for an education, He has established William Carey College and will continue to answer prayers and supply the needs of this institution.

Being a person with only average intelligence and few talents, I faced a world with many insecurities in regard to ability to even be called to pastor a church. Even more concern was my ability to serve adequately. This has been a burden of prayer day in and day out for me over the years I have been privileged to serve the churches that honored me in investing confidence in me. My Lord has never let me down, even to this very day. After having served some great churches for nearly a half century, my Lord is still allowing me to pastor a very wonderful congregation of people in the fine community of Star, Mississippi. Once again, I want to testify that I believe very strongly that if God will call a person like me and place me and use me to the degree He has, there is no question in my mind that He is capable and willing to see William Carey College through troubled times and give her a lustrous future.

"SOME BIBLICAL TRUTHS IN REGARD TO PRAYER"

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon has a remarkable discussion in regard to three Greek words that refer to prayer. One of these words gives prominence to the expression of need, another to the element of devotion, and a third to that of confidence as expressed in prayer.

In the Bible the word prayer is used as a supplication for benefits either for one's self (petition) or for others (intercession). It is also an act of worship which conveys all the attitudes of our soul's approach to God. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says about prayer, "supplication is at the heart of it, for prayer always springs out of a sense of need and a belief that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). But adoration and confession and thanksgiving also find a place so that the suppliant becomes a worshipper." Vol. IV, Page 2430.

Although there are multiple examples of answered prayer in the Old Testament, I want to refer to only a few that seem to me to be appropriate to William Carey College. Specific reference is to the experiences of Israel in exile. Chastisement drove the nation to seek God earnestly. Examples are found in Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel as to the promises of prayer and the results. People were delivered. The walls of the city were restored as was the place of worship. To me there is a parallel of the exile experiences to the cries of God's people on behalf of William Carey College.

The classic model of all praying comes from Jesus Himself. According to passages of scripture such as Luke 3:21; 6:12; 9:16, 29; 22:32 and 22:32-46, Jesus made it a habit to pray. A study of the prayer life of Jesus reveals to those of us who accept Him as authoritative that he dissipates all theoretical objections to the value and efficacy of prayer.

The book of Acts and the Epistles show how the early church followed the teachings of Jesus in regard to prayer. It was in an atmosphere of prayer that the church was born and throughout its early history prayer continued to be the vital breath of the church.

I Corinthians 14:14-16 speaks of prayer as being a spiritual gift and that we may pray in the Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus has raised prayer to its highest power by securing Divine cooperation (Romans 8:15-26 and Galatians 4:6). We who are connected with William Carey College believe that the command to pray and the power in prayer are exhortations that are not to be ignored, and is a power that will be released and see us as a mighty force moving on to greater accomplishments than ever before.

"SOME SPECIFIC BIBLICAL PROMISES TO ANSWERED PRAYER"

Many times those of us who seek promises of God when we pray turn to II Chronicles 7:14. Chapters 1-9 of this book tell of the reign of Solomon. Chapters 2-4 speak of Solomon building the temple. Chapter 5 tells about the glory of the Lord filling the temple. Chapter 6 records the dedication of the temple, and Chapter 7 tells of God appearing to Solomon. It is in this appearance we have this promise that stands out so magnificently, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The Board of Trustees, staff, faculty and others connected with William Carey College meet the requirement of being called by the name of God. We are following the conditions of answered prayer as this passage so plainly lays them out. We have and are humbling ourselves in the presence of the Almighty God. As a result, we believe our prayers are being heard, our sins are being forgiven and our college is being healed. We are people of God meeting conditions of God for a spiritual awakening, and the power of God is being released to bring about healing and give vitality.

Matthew 7:7-8 states, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." The words "ask," "seek" and "knock" are all continuous action. The words "receiveth" and "findeth" are also continuous action, and the word "opened" is a future passive. The promises are clear. If we keep asking, seeking, and knocking victory will be ours. This is a claim some of us are making in regard to William Carey College, and we are already seeing results. We are exercising the privilege of asking, claiming the promises of asking, and are seeing the product of asking.

One promise that is especially dear to me is Philippians 4:9, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This is a promise of God that the resources of God are available for the people of God to accomplish the will of God. This is the very heart of the matter at William Carey, especially as it pertains to financial resources and that is what has prompted this article. William Carey College is in dire need financially. There is no way I can adequately describe the crisis through which we are going and the dire need of plain old dollars and cents. But this is our hope and this is our assurance. We are taking these matters to the one who has all resources and looking to Him to supply our needs. An earnest request is that you will join us in this effort.

"CONCLUSION"

In a form of testimony as it relates to prayer, we are already experiencing manifold blessings from God at William Carey College. We have seen people who have been divided brought together in harmony. We have been led to an interim president that our Lord has used in a miraculous way to accomplish the seemingly impossible. We have seen an increase in enrollment in the face of devastating circumstances. We have heard of an enthusiastic, dedicated student body that is second to none. We have experienced opened doors when indications were dictating the contrary. The mighty hand of God is on William Carey College and we are marching on to victory.

On Thursday, September 21, a group of people interested in William Carey met for a prayer retreat. Even though we did not confine our prayers for just William Carey, we did focus in that area. We left that retreat with renewed spirits, a greater hope and a refreshed outlook. Plans are being made for other such activities and additional seasons of prayer. We believe in prayer. We are experiencing victories in prayer and we are seeing marvelous results of prayer. We are placing William Carey College in the hands of God, trusting Him to supply all needs, and as we do we are anticipating a great future.

Just for the Record

Hebron Church, Grenada, held its GA recognition Sept. 17, on the theme, "My Promise to God." Receiving badges left to right, front, are Stephanie Hood, Kathy Hood, Chantel Lott, Joy Nation. Back, Judy Gillis, leader.



First Church, Morton, recently held a GA recognition service using the theme, "Reach Out." Each girl had reached the level of Queen. Left to right are Nichole Crimm, Danette Dickson, Dawn Dickson, Twyla Jones, Amy Kitchings, Trish Martin, Alison Rogers, Laurie Sugg and Kristi Thompson.



Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, recently held an Acteen Coronation. The theme was "Love in Any Language." Pictured, from left, are Mandy Gallman, Tammy Walls, Lindsay Thompson, and April Buitt.



Heucks Retreat Church in Lincoln County recently held recognition services for its mission organizations. The theme for the service was "New Beginning." Acteens, GAs, RAs, Pioneers, and Mission Friends are pictured, left to right, front row, Spencer Errington and Robert Potts; second row, Neil Haley, Matthew Bishop, Will Smith, Michael Bishop, Ashley Smith, and Chris Byrd; third row, Danielle Wilson, Allison Owens, Jamie Errington, and Bonnie Byrd; fourth row, Summer Smith, Amanda Lea, and April Boyte; back, Kevin Cooper, Rusty Daniels, Jason Wilson, Brett Smith, Kevin Duff, Amy Cooper, Chuck Owens, De'Ana Lea, Marty Walker, Dana Haley, Kristi Daniels, Betty Ann Blackwell, and Stephanie Smith.

The directors for each organization are Rhonda Smith, Mission Friends; Joyce Daniels, GAs; Ruby Hart, Acteens; Charles Odum, Pioneers; Renee Cotten and Cathy Cooper, RAs.

Immanuel Church, Greenwood, will celebrate its 22nd anniversary on Oct. 8. The times will be from 9:45 until 3 p.m. Other activities will include an afternoon of singing. There will be no night service. Stan Nowell is pastor.

Big Level Church, Wiggins, will have dedication for its education building, on Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. Bill Causey, executive director, MCB, will be guest speaker. Others on program include Bobby Perry, director of missions, Gulf Coast Association. There will be a fellowship after the service. David Grisham is pastor.

"First Call," a Christian contemporary group, will perform in the Thomas Fine Arts Center auditorium on the William Carey College campus on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets, \$5.00, are available at the Office of Student Activities at William Carey. The concert will be the closing activity to Homecoming Week (Oct. 11-14) at Carey.

COM rally to be at Enid

Mississippi Campers on Mission will meet for their northern district fall rally Oct. 13-15 at George Payne Cossar Park, Enid.

New mission possibilities will be presented at the rally.

The catered meal for Friday evening has been canceled. A bonfire and wiener roast is planned instead (the bring your own-fixings type), plus a Sing-A-Long.

Siloam Church, West Point, Clay County, will celebrate its 140th anniversary on Oct. 8. James Riley of Sugarland, Tex. will be guest speaker; Avery Jones is pastor. A covered dish lunch will be served in fellowship hall.

Standing Pine Church, Walnut Grove, will celebrate its Harvest Day on Oct. 8. The service will begin at 10:30, and will be followed by dinner on the grounds. Mike Brown, a former pastor, will lead the service. David Grumbach is pastor. Proceeds of the day will apply to church renovation.

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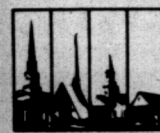
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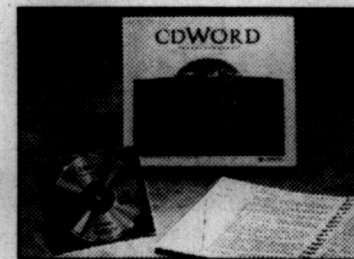
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Paul determines to establish Thessalonians in faith

By R. Raymond Lloyd

Paul continues to give expression to the warm personal feelings he has for the believers in Thessalonica. He strongly desires to visit them,



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and when hindered by Satan, he is determined to establish them in the faith. Paul's Desire to Visit the Thessalonians (2:17-20). Paul's affection for this congregation had been expressed in the metaphors of a "nurse" (1:7), a "father" (1:17), and now that of an "orphan" (2:17). "Being taken" (aporphanizo) literally means "being orphaned." It is found nowhere else in the New Testament. This is a reference to his separation from the Thessalonians since he was forced to leave them. "Short season" is probably several months anyhow, perhaps longer. The separation was physical, no face to face encounter, but in reality he had left his heart with them. The heart is the seat of man's affections and purposes.

Satan was the one who kept him from returning (vs. 18). The word "hindered" literally means to make a cut in a road, to make a road impassable. In other words Satan was a roadblock. How Satan hindered is an unknown. Perhaps it was the Jews who caused him to be smuggled out of Thessalonica (Acts 17:5-6). But Paul does not look back with regret; in-

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stead he looks ahead with rejoicing. He looks to the return of the Lord Jesus. He knew that his faithful efforts in sharing the Gospel would be rewarded. Paul frequently pictures rewards as crowns. There are two words for crowns: royal crown (diadema) and victor's crown (stephanos — from which we get Stephen and Stephanie). This is the victor's crown and it will be these Thessalonians themselves. Oh, what joy for the Christian to look forward to greeting those whom he has helped prepare to meet the Master. They are indeed his joy and his glory. Every Christian needs to be a witness for Christ so that we will have such a crown to present to the Saviour.

Paul's determination to establish the Thessalonians (3:1-13). At the beginning and ending of Chapter 3 Paul's concern for the Thessalonians is reflected in the word "establish" (vss. 2, 13). Everything in the chapter relates to the idea of bringing these young Christians to a mature faith in Jesus Christ. To help establish them, he sends them Timothy; writes them a letter and prays for them.

Paul continues his orphaned feeling (vs. 1 — "left behind," "alone"). But he accepted this in order that his fellow-worker, Timothy, might return to Thessalonica. The "we" could refer

to Silas, who may have come to Athens with Paul, and Timothy, or more likely is editorial.

Thus Paul sends Timothy, brother and fellow-laborer (some manuscripts have diakonos, servant, or deacon). His purpose was "to establish" and "to exhort" (vs. 2). New converts need to be disciplined. Every church needs a good number of Timothy's, "encouragers" as we call them in our church, or establishers, who will put forth every effort to see that those who take two steps forward in faith, don't take a step backward (vs. 3 — "moved" literally, to wag the tail, to flatter, hence, the idea of Satan flattering or beguiling a believer to cause him to go astray.)

When Timothy returned to Paul he brought "good news" (vss. 6-8). This is the same word as Gospel. To Paul the fact that things were going well with the Thessalonians was like hearing the Gospel. Herschel Hobbs notes that this is the only time in the New Testament the word is used to refer to something other than the saving work of Christ.

The good news was that the believers were standing firm in the faith (vss. 6, 7, 8) and their love (vs. 6), presumably toward Paul, in view of the following phrase. It was apparent to Paul that they had not believed the lies about Paul that the opposition were telling and still remembered him with good thoughts. As noted in last week's lesson, this then becomes the occasion of these two letters.

No matter how great the trouble (vs. 7 — affliction and distress — probably not physical,

but more a reference to the opposition, his anxiety about the Thessalonians, and his aloneness) which was literally killing him in spirit, he was greatly relieved when he got the report of their faithfulness. When one sees a person he has led to Christ, blossoming into a faithful servant of God, loyal churchman, and sincere witness of Christ, how can he help but rejoice? This is living! (vs. 8 "now we live if you stand firm in the Lord.")

Finally Paul prays that they may be established in the Lord. The intensity of his praying is manifest in the phrases "day and night" (vs. 10) and "exceedingly," (literally beyond overflowing — vs. 10). Three requests are stated to the Thessalonians as being made to God in their behalf. The requests are: their "faith may be perfected" (vs. 10 used to describe the mending of nets; therefore, put into a well-equipped, workable condition); that their love increase and abound" (vs. 12, a growing love to Christian and non-Christian alike. Paul provided the example); their lives be "unblamable in holiness" (vs. 13 — what God brings to fact in redemption, man must work out in reality in his daily life).

C. Oscar Johnson once said that he had baptized hundreds who went down the drain. Our concern for people must be genuine: not only to see them converted, but also to see them established in the faith. Paul provides an excellent example of how to do it. We would do well to follow.

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The scope of missions includes a world of people

By Randall L. Von Kanel

Psalms 96:1-3, 10; Isaiah 49:5-6; Luke 24:45-48

Sometimes what we say we believe and what we actually believe in practice are two different things. This is true in regard to the missions



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task of the church. Though we accept the validity of the "Great Commission" of our Lord to go to "all nations (peoples)" with the good news of Jesus Christ, in reality, we often limit the scope of our mission endeavors to select groups or persons to the exclusion of others. Two aberrations of mission methodology are commonly found: 1) The idea that we must not go "over there" until we have won our own; and, 2) the emphasis on foreign missions to the neglect and/or exclusion of missions at home. A biblical missiology will balance these two subtle hindrances to the missionary call of the Church. The gospel is for everyone, and the scope of missions should reflect the heart of God who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9b).

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The central Bible truth of this lesson is that "the world missions task involves us in expressing God's concern for the salvation of persons of all nations."

Within this unit entitled, "the Biblical Basis of Missions," several biblical passages are examined in this lesson which address the issue of the scope of missions. The scope of missions is to be found in understanding the scope of God's sovereignty, Jesus' service, and our commission to witness.

I. The scope of God's sovereignty

In Psalm 96:1-3, 10, the psalmist enjoins the people of God to "declare (God's) glory among the heathen." John I. Durham wrote, "This exuberant hymn of Yahweh's kingship proclaims him sovereign over all peoples in all the earth" (BBC, p. 367). To understand the scope of missions we must understand that God is the sovereign lord of all peoples. The Christian is to declare the glory of the Lord to the world. In verses 1-3, a twofold responsibility of worship is given. We are to "sing unto the Lord," and we are to "show forth his salvation" to those who

do not know him. The privilege of praising God is paralleled by the responsibility of proclaiming God to a lost world.

II. The scope of Jesus' ministry

To comprehend the scope of missions for today, we must see the mission of Jesus as the servant of God. Jesus claimed of himself that "the son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). On a mission of redemption, Jesus came to die for all people. In Isaiah 49:5-6, the scope of his mission encompasses both the nation Israel and the Gentile nations of the earth. In verse 5, the Servant acknowledges his role "to bring Jacob again to him." In verse 6, with apparent reference to the refusal of Israel as a whole to come back to God, the Servant is given the task of being "a light to the Gentiles." Jesus is the servant of God in the text. He has fulfilled these prophetic passages in his life, death, resurrection, and in his continuing ministry through his body, the Church. As the Father sent Jesus into the world to provide salvation for all, so he sends us today proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone everywhere!

III. The scope of our witness

The scope of missions is found in the commis-

sioning of the church to go into all the world. In Luke 24:45-48, Jesus instructs the apostles as to the message and extent of their coming ministry. Their message, based upon the death and resurrection of Christ, was to be a proclamation of "repentance and remission of sins" in his name (v. 47). They were to share that message with "all nations." Moving out in ever-increasing circles of witness, we are to begin at home and move out to reach our world with a witness of Jesus Christ. We are to go into all the world sharing the good news of salvation with all people. The call is still valid today!

Our lesson reminds us of the personal responsibility every believer has to share God's love with everyone. No one is beyond the concern of the Lord! We dare not be selective and exclusive with missions when Jesus died for everyone. Keith Parks recently said, "We keep trying to give the bread of life to the same people, always seeking to find new ways of doing that, when two-thirds of the world has never had a crumb of the bread of life." We must take seriously our world missions task of going, giving, and praying that all may know Jesus, because the scope of missions includes a world of people!

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Daniel's dream shows deliverance of God's people

By Billy R. Williams
Daniel 7:13, 21-27

The dream which came to Daniel was an assurance that God would ultimately deliver his people and give to them an eternal kingdom.



Williams

In verses 1-14 Daniel had envisioned four great kingdoms in the form of a lion, a bear, a leopard, and a terrible, unnamed beast. These were the four nations depicted by the colossal image in chapter two. These kingdoms are identified as either Babylon, Media, Persia, and Greece, or as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. In the first part of his dream, Daniel had witnessed God bringing judgement upon the kingdoms and especially the fourth (verses 9-12). This judgement continues in verse 13 and the following verses as God's kingdom is established.

In verse 13, Daniel beheld one who was "like the Son of Man," that is he resembled a man. However, he was more than a man as indicated by his coming on the clouds. This one was presented to the "Ancient of Days" — that is God. This phrase emphasizes the eternal nature

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of God. God then presented to this celestial figure an eternal kingdom (verse 14). Who was this figure? Some see this one as representative of the nation Israel. Others claim this figure is representative of all of God's redeemed. However, it is more satisfactory to see this as the Messiah. Indeed the term "Son of Man" was the title Jesus used most often in reference to himself. Jesus claimed that all authority had been given to him in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).

In verse 21, Daniel beheld the "same horn" (the "little horn" of verse 8) making war against the saints — God's people — and prevailing over them. This "little horn" was an outgrowth of the Fourth Beast. In Daniel's dream this was the most terrifying beast as it smashed and devoured everything in its path (verse 7). In the midst of the ten horns, a "little horn" appeared and soon consumed three of the horns (verse 8). In verse 24 a bystander whom Daniel questioned in his dream (verse 16) explained that the ten horns were ten kings or kingdoms. He further stated that the "little

horn" was a kingdom which would arise and subdue three of the other kingdoms. The identities of the ten horns and the "little horns" are debated. Those who accept that Greece was the fourth kingdom, believe that the ten horns refer to the Seleucid kings and that the "little horn" was the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes who persecuted the Jews in the second century B.C. Some who see the fourth kingdom as Rome believe that the ten horns refer to a ten-nation federation which will arise after the Rapture (departure) of the church. The "little horn" is to be the leader of the revived Roman empire who will form an alliance with the Antichrist.

There is a third view which also holds that the fourth kingdom is Rome, but that the number ten is symbolic of those nations which grow out of the Roman empire and which continue until the Second Coming. The "little horn" is seen as the Antichrist who appears shortly before the Second Coming.

Whatever power this horn may represent and whatever success it may have against God's people, ultimately judgement will be against it. "The Ancient of Days" — the Eternal God — will judge in favor of his people and give to them an eternal kingdom (verse 22).

In verse 25 the four characteristics of the "lit-

tle horns" rule are given. These are: (1) blasphemy (2) long-drawn-out persecution (3) change in religious customs, and (4) a new morality.

The duration of the "little horn's" rule is given in the phrase "... until a time and times and the dividing of time" (verse 25). The general interpretation of this phrase is three and a half years. Some see this as a reference to the period of persecution under Antiochus Epiphanes. Others contend the 3 1/2 years to be the latter part of the seven years of tribulation. A third view maintains that this is a symbolic expression for a period of testing of God's people. The power of the horn and the oppression of God's people quickly intensifies but then comes to a sudden end by the intervention of divine judgement.

The interpretation of Daniel's dream concluded with the assurance that he whose rule had been destructive would in turn be destroyed (verse 26). The people of God having passed through great trial are now triumphant. They share in the everlasting kingdom of the Lord God (verse 27). They are "the children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:16, 17).

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Recently a group of ladies representing Baptist Young Women from Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jackson toured our India Nunnery Campus, The Baptist Children's Village central offices and distribution center for all six locations. The ladies are pictured here presenting Dr. Kermit McGregor, Director of Public Relations with a \$1400.00 check for our BACK TO SCHOOL fund. Thank you Hillcrest Baptist Women!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Hot weather calls for ice cream

By Lucille Bailey

Ice cream is one of the country's most popular desserts and is eaten by more than 98 percent of the households of America. Wouldn't it be wonderful if 98 percent of the households in America would read the Bible and attend church?

Ice cream is packed with vitamins and minerals, but the Bible is filled with history, law, rules, love, compassion, and many other things needed to live a Christian life.

More ice cream is eaten on Sunday than any other day of the week, and we need to remember that one of the Ten Commandments says, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy" so we need to spend the day not just eating ice cream, but worshipping God.

Ice cream has been enjoyed for centuries — first by royal families in Italy, France, and England. God's word has been enjoyed for centuries and it too, has been enjoyed by families not only in Italy, France, England, but all over the world.

Nancy Johnson invented the hand-cranked ice cream freezer, but men inspired by God wrote the Bible.

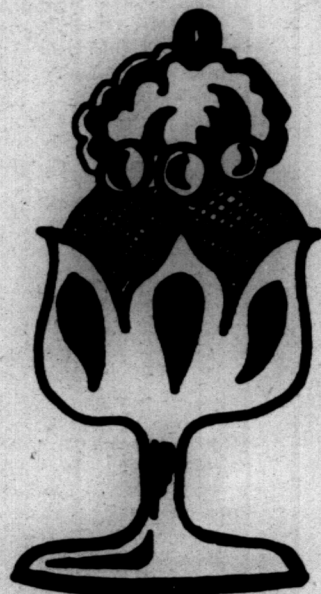
Vanilla ice cream is the most popular flavor, but people who manufacture the product have included squash ice cream, sauerkraut ice cream, bologna ice cream, prune whip ice cream, and even fig newton ice cream. However, that does not mean that people like all those flavors. There are things in the Bible that we may not want to obey, but they are God's orders that we need to obey.

Ice cream is an American fun food and we should remember that the Bible is food for life. Ice cream is a perishable product and must be treated accordingly.

Compare that with the fact that not a single word in the Bible will ever perish.

Ice cream is a summer food, but the Bible is for 365 days out of the year, 24 hours a day, four seasons of the year.

Lucille Bailey lives at State Line.



Pen Pal Club

Dear Baptist Record,

My name is Penny Robinson and I would love to have a pen pal. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I am 10 and live in Kilmichael, MS, 416 Ridge Road 39747.

Your friend,
Penny



Live like a flower

Like a little flower we are planted;
We must grow and mature.
Our marvel and grace we must never take for granted!

We must always, always shine bright,
Full of love and kindness, like a child,
For one day we shall be withered, and die! . . .

A flower's pretty petals greatly beautify the land,
It stands tall and proud, as we should.
It's special, under the guidance of the Master's hand!

The sun and dust will make us tired and dreary,
And sometimes, very often, the wind will blow us over.
Careful not to let these trials make us weary!

But, as a little flower, we must beautify our land;
We must do our duties, and spread our petals,
For our heavenly Father, we must take our stand!

—Melissa Davis, age 14
New Zion (Simpson)

Harrisville plans to build, will burn note at homecoming

Homecoming will be observed at Harrisville Church, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. Truman D. Scarborough will preach in the morning service, lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. Glen Jennings will preach after lunch.

Three years ago, under leadership of then pastor Larry Hill, the church voted to build a new sanctuary. The building, dedicated a year ago, is now debt free, and the note will be burned at homecoming at the morning service.

The church was organized in 1869; this is the third sanctuary. The Baptist (Liberty until 1923) and Methodists (formerly Bethel) wor-

shipped together until wind destroyed the church in the 1880s. Each congregation then built its own house of worship. A portion of the church the Baptists recently had removed was the church built in the 1880s. Two years ago, in October, the church broke ground and started the new building. The church entered the building for worship in June, 1988.

The church now plans to construct a new education facility. A Building Committee has been elected.

Dennis Allen became the pastor in April, 1989; Raymond Ball has recently gone there as minister of music.



Oak Hill deacons from left are (front row) Barry Smith, Charles Burge, James Pritchett; (second row) Harold Smith, Grover Glenn, and Tommy Pritchett.

Fathers, sons in ordination service

Oak Hill Church, Poplarville, held an unusual ordination of three deacons on Sept. 3. One deacon of the church ordained his son and another deacon ordained his father.

The three men elected were Charles C. "Buddy" Burge, Harry B. Smith, and James W. Pritchett Sr. Harry Smith is the son of Harold Smith, who was already a deacon, and James Pritchett is the father of deacon Tommy Pritchett.

Grover Glenn, pastor, brought the charge to the candidates and Ken

Rhodes, director of missions for Pearl River Association, brought the charge to the church.

As a symbolic gesture to show their support, the wives of the candidates surreptitiously filled out their own husbands' certificates of ordinations. Glenn presented the certificate to Buddy Burge. Harold Smith presented to his son Barry, and Tommy Pritchett presented the certificate to his father James. There was a fellowship in honor of these families after the service.

First, Polkville, to celebrate 100th year

First Church, Polkville, Smith Association, will have a centennial celebration, Oct. 8. Beulah Baptist Church was one of eight in the Strong River Association with 60 members in 1889 and was located in Polkville. The name was later changed to Polkville Baptist. Former pastor from 1967-1980, Leo Thames, Gunnison, will

be the guest speaker for the Sunday morning service which will be followed with dinner on the grounds and an early afternoon service. Former pastors and church members are invited to come and share in this time of celebration and remembrance. Fred Fowler is pastor. Gene Rester is interim minister of music.

450 nursing students enrolled at BMH

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis has 237 new nursing students, making the total 450, according to co-directors Sheila Green and Denese Shumaker. There were 38 students in

1987. Of the current student body, 40 are from Mississippi. Mississippi Baptists elect a third of the hospital's trustees.

Mid-America opens with Founders' Day

The 18th observance of Founders' Day, a three-day Bible Conference, opened this fall term at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. B. Gray Allison is president of the seminary.

The enrollment for the first term of the 1989-90 school year is 395 for the day students and 53 evening students for a grand total on the Memphis campus of 448. These students are from 31 states and five foreign countries, a spokesman noted.

The Northeast Branch of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary observed Founders' Day in its new facilities in Colonie, New York. Colonie is in the Albany area.

The \$1.3 million facility was dedicated Aug. 28.

Mid-America is an independent Baptist seminary.

Staff changes



Brock

First Church, Pearl, has called John T. Brock as pastor, effective Aug. 20. He previously served at Shady Grove Church, Lucedale. He received his education at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Sean Keith has resigned as minister of education at Clarksdale Church and is going to serve in a similar position at First Church, Corinth.

David Langerfeld has resigned as minister of education at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, and will be going to Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, to a similar position.

Bradley E. Smith has resigned Salem Church in Preston, effective Aug. 27. A native of Meridian, he received his education at Jones County Community College.

Brewer Church, Lee Association, has called Ricky Kelly as minister of music and youth, effective Sept. 6. A native of Lee County, he received his education from Blue Mountain College. His previous place of service was First Church in Guntown. Terry Miller is pastor of Brewer Church.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Attala County, has called Walter Hines as pastor, effective Sept. 10. He is a native of Scott County. His previous places of service are Providence, Bowlin, and Sand Hill churches in Attala County, and Oak Grove Church, Holmes County.

Roxie Church in Franklin Association has called Wayne Elliott, a native of Tunica, as pastor, effective Sept. 3. His previous place of service is Montegut Mission Church. He received his education at Clarke College, Louisiana College, Pineville, La., and New Orleans Seminary.

Kenny Griffith has resigned as minister of music at Crowder Church and will move to a church in Tennessee.

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